



Debbie Howieson, Garden Club past president, Phyllis Erikson, Peter Butkus and Barbara Heeler, current Duxbury Community Garden Club president, pose in front of the completed Hall's Corner Planter.

## Completion of Hall's Corner Flagpole Planter a Group Effort

Driving through Hall's Corner is a more pleasant experience with the addition of the new planter in the middle of the intersection. It may be remembered that two years ago a cracked cement barrier decorated the same site at Hall's

Corner. After it was hit by a truck, the Community Garden Club and the Department of Public Works joined forces to improve the damaged base of the flagpole. Phyllis Erikson, Community Garden Club of Duxbury member, worked

closely with Peter Butkus to design a structure which would serve as a durable traffic director that also had curb appeal and ease of maintenance. Safety issues were considered, too. Previously, Garden Club members dodged traffic to water the annuals and perennials. The new planter was designed with a water source on a timer to avoid any possible accidents.

The road to a new and improved planter was a bit bumpy in the beginning of the process. It took a year of stalled negotiations with an out-of-town supplier of materials before Jay Desmarais and Duxbury Gardeners stepped in to rescue the project. Duxbury Gardeners is a distributor of the interlocking bricks that can be replaced in sections if there should ever be another accident. The new team worked harmoniously, the result of which is the planter that is now adorned with beautiful ornamental grasses.



The planning and construction of the new planter was a long road but worth the effort.